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Mr. Watson:

PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORKING GROUP (PSWG)
MEETING HELD AT FBIHQ 7/9/01

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

On 7/9/01, a PSWG meeting was held at 2:00 p.m. in the Flag Room at FBIHQ. The meeting was convened to provide PSWG members with a briefing regarding the increased volume of threat reporting emanating from groups abroad and the potential for terrorism in the United States.

International Terrorism Section Chief Michael Rolince and UC [redacted] briefed the attendees on the current threat level within the United States. SC Rolince advised that given the level of threat reporting, the convictions in the East Africa bombing trial, the conviction of Ahmed Ressaam, and the recent Khobar Towers indictments, attendees should exercise extreme vigilance. Attendees were provided with a contact number for SIOC and the Counterterrorism Threat Assessment and Warning Unit and were reassured that any specific threat information would be forwarded to their agencies immediately.

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The information provided during this briefing will assist PSWG members in determining if enhanced security measures are needed at federal facilities in Washington, D.C. and throughout the United States. Additional PSWG meetings will be scheduled as necessary.

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BACKGROUND

As you are aware, the PSWG was established to ensure a continuous dialogue between the FBI and those federal agencies tasked with protective responsibilities for facilities and individuals here in Washington, D.C. The PSWG is convened on an ad hoc basis to discuss terrorism-related issues. The 7/9/01 meeting was attended by 36 officials representing agencies such as the Department of Justice, Capitol Police, Federal Aviation Administration and Department of Energy. The Washington Field Office JTTF is represented at the PSWG meetings as well.

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